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Mr. Ed C. Jones
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Dear Mr. Jones:

You ask whether the county clerk of Angelina County must provide its grantor-grantee index in a particular medium. You do not assert that the requested information is unavailable to the public. You inform us that the index is available for the requestor to copy, inspect, or microfilm. However, the requestor wants the county to provide the index on tape. We conclude that the Open Records Act imposes no duty on the county to provide the requested information in the specified medium. *See* Attorney General Opinions DM-41 (1991); DM-30 (1991).¹

We are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. Your request was assigned ID# 33213. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kay Guajardo", is written over a horizontal line.

Kay Guajardo
Assistant Attorney General
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¹However, we note that the legislature recently amended the Open Records Act. *See* Act of May 29, 1995, H.B. 1718, 74th Leg., R.S. (to be codified at Gov't Code ch. 552) (copies available from House Document Distribution). Pursuant to the amendment to section 552.228 of the Government Code, which sets forth conditions when a governmental body must provide a copy of requested information in a requested medium, we believe the conclusion we have reached would be otherwise. *See id.* § 15 (to be codified at Gov't Code § 552.228). This amendment is effective September 1, 1995. *See id.* § 26.

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